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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the document which is listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of the listed document is submitted herewith.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 6-152505, published May 31, 1994.

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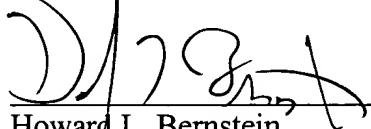
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merits (whichever is later); or (3) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action after filing a request for continued examination (RCE) under §1.114, and therefore, no Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a corresponding Japanese Office Action dated April 1, 2003, and an English translation of the pertinent portions thereof, which cites and indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed document is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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According to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H06-152505 (cf. column 7, lines 1–8 “a voice mail box is provided in the exchange, and when there is an incoming call from a telephone... if the mobile station receiving the incoming call is registered as using the voice mail box... said incoming call is connected to the voice mail box, and when there is a request for cancellation of said voice mail box use registration from said mobile station... the content of the voicemail box is... transmitted to the mobile station”) and the like, a storage type voice message service which stores callers’ voice messages to a mobile telephone user without transmitting to said mobile telephone the call signal addressed to said mobile telephone when said mobile telephone is not in service is well known, and using the above well-known service as the storage type voice message service of Publication 1 (cf. column 2, line 33 “answering machine service”) is no more than a design matter which could be suitably implemented by a person skilled in the art.

Therefore, the inventions as per Claims 1–10 of the present application could still be easily achieved by a person skilled in the art based on Cited Literature 1 and 2 and the aforementioned well-known art.